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Dear Barton,

With reference to your letter dated
25th November, 1937, in regard to Dr. Vladimir
Heger, I forward herewith a copy of a report
on this person.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) K. M. Durne.

James Barton, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

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S.I. Special Branch *11/11/37*Date *Dec. 10, 1937.*Subject *V. HEGER - communication from H.B.M. Consulate-**General dated November 26, 1937.*Made by *D.S. Henchman*Forwarded by *C. Crawford*

Vladimir Heger, Czechoslovakian, passport no. 27477 issued at Shanghai on June 22, 1935, was born at Chotetov, Mlada Boleslav, on April 1st, 1901. After completing primary and middle school training, he entered on a military career but abandoning this a year or two later, he decided to become a dentist and enrolled at the "Statni Zubolikovsky Ustov" College at Prague. At the dental school he failed to qualify as a dental surgeon, and is therefore not authorised to use the title "doctor", but managed to pass his examinations for laboratory dentist.

Until 1932, when he left for Egypt, Heger remained in Czechoslovakia and during that period was convicted on eight separate occasions on charges of false pretences, misappropriation and embezzlement.

In Alexandria he bought a dental practice but due to his lack of qualifications and the fact that part of his history became known to Police was subsequently forced to discontinue his activities and in August, 1933, came to Shanghai.

Arriving in Shanghai he made the acquaintance of practitioner Dr. W. Korec, a medical/ from whom he borrowed \$3,000 Mex. and in whose company and partnership he again began to practise at 83 Peking Road.

Quarrelling with his partner over the repayment of the loan, which loan never was repaid, Heger left him and set up on his own on Nanking Road, obtaining the necessary funds from a Mrs. Heister with whom he had become more than casually friendly. Ferdinand Heister, a German and the above mentioned lady's husband, was

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employed in a responsible position with Messrs. Andersen & Meyer and spending long hours at his office does not appear to have been aware, or at any suspicions, of his wife's liaison with the dentist.

Meister's first intimation that anything was wrong was on January 12, 1935, when he discovered on returning home at 1 p.m., that his wife and small daughter had left by ship in company with Heger for Dairen. Approximately \$8,000 Mex. worth of gold bars and coins were also missing.

Radio messages to police in Tsingtao were responsible for the detention of Mrs. Heger and her daughter, and their subsequent return to Shanghai; Heger, however, was allowed to proceed, and in spite of questioning by police in Dairen, ultimately made his way to Tokyo where he was arrested by the Japanese authorities and sent back to Shanghai.

On arrival in Shanghai he was arrested by the Shanghai Municipal Police and charged in the Shanghai First Special District Court with larceny. After a fairly lengthy trial in which Mrs. Meister refused to testify against him, Heger was found not guilty. Following the trial a Miss Clara Barret, with whom he had been friendly shortly after his first arrival in Shanghai, brought charge of breach of promise against him. He was also accused of obtaining \$1,000 from the same lady. Both these suits were, however, unsuccessful.

In June, 1935, deeply in debt to various persons

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in Shanghai, never left and with Mrs. Heister went first to Alexandria and then to Nairobi. Police inquisitiveness, however, made it impossible for him to remain in one spot for long and he returned to the East, taking with him Mrs. Heister and eventually settling in Bombay.

Ferdinand Heister, shortly after his wife's desertion, left Shanghai and went to Hamburg where divorce proceedings were instituted but, it is understood, without success.

Enquiries at the German Consulate made with a view to ascertaining the serial number of Mrs. Heister's passport, have proved unsuccessful.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
SHANGHAI.

25th November, 1937.

Dear B. M. Bourne,

I should be very much obliged for any information you may have on the subject of Dr. Vladimir HEGER, a Czechoslovakian subject holding Chinese passport No. 27477 issued at Shanghai on June 22nd, 1935. This individual is in practice in Bombay and is apparently living with or married to a Mrs. Anne Marie L. Heister, a German subject holding passport No. 244 or 214 (number not clear) issued at Shanghai on 15th June 1935.

The authorities in Bombay have now received information from Ferdinand Heister of Guentherstrasse 51, Hamburg 24 (presumably Mrs. Heister's husband or ex-husband) to the effect that Heger has a criminal record both in Czechoslovakia and Shanghai.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
D. S. Henderson
C. G. H.

Major K. M. Bourne, F.C.,
Shanghai.

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Big file on the man

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February 5, 1936.

J. Barton has filed a report on a man known by the London Police as Vladimar Heger. He was issued with a Chinese passport, No. 274777 on June 22, 1935. In October last he was in Nairobi, Kenya, where he informed the police that he had been involved in a case of theft of gold and had also had something to do with the white slave traffic in Shanghai. Previous to going to Kenya he had been questioned by the police in Egypt and made similar claims. He is wanted by the Czecho-Slovakian Authorities on some charge but will not admit to this.

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& A.S. Cape.*

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**MR. HEISTER AND DR. KOREC
FOUND NOT GUILTY**

Mr. F. Heister, accused of making a false accusation by Dr. V. Heger, Czechoslovakian dentist, in a private prosecution, was acquitted by the First District Court yesterday. Dr. V. Korec, also accused in the case, was likewise found not guilty. The case arose out of the recent prosecution of Dr. Heger, who was charged with the theft of a gold ingot from Mr. Heister's room in the Embankment Building. Dr. F. Wilhelm defended Mr. Heister and Dr. Korec while M. Paul Premet represented Dr. Heger.

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Mrs. F. Heister Sues Husband For Divorce

Wife Figures In Trial Of Czechoslovakian Dentist

Mrs. F. Heister, who figured prominently in the recent trial of Dr. Vladimir Heger, who was accused by her husband, F. Heister, of stealing about \$7,000 from his home in the Embankment Building, yesterday started suit against her husband for divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

At the time of the alleged gold theft Mrs. Heister and Dr. Heger had planned to leave Shanghai for Germany. However, before they had gone far, Mr. Heister discovered his alleged loss and had the pair returned to Shanghai to stand trial.

Mrs. Heister was released and the case against her dropped. However, the trial of Dr. Heger lasted nearly two months during which time two private criminal cases were filed against him. He was acquitted in all three cases.

Throughout Dr. Heger's trial, Mrs. Heister was an interested spectator and, although she appeared as a prosecution witness, she refused to give any testimony which would damage his defense in any way.

When the application was filed yesterday, Heister refused to agree to the separation and through his attorney served notice that he would contest the charges. The case will be heard in the First Special District Court.

Mrs. Heister is being represented by Paul Premet and Mr. Heister by Mr. Lo.

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THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1935

FALSE ACCUSATION CHARGE MADE BY DENTIST

Dr. V. Heger, Czechoslovakian dentist, who was accused of theft of a gold ingot from Mr. F. Heister's room in the Embankment Building and later was acquitted of the charge, yesterday instituted a private criminal prosecution in the First District Court against Mr. Heister, charging him with making a false accusation under Art. 180 of the Criminal Code. The hearing was adjourned. M. Paul Prenet represented Dr. Heger while Dr. F. Wilhelm defended.

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DR. HEGER ACQUITTED IN THIRD CASE

Czech Dentist Found Not
Guilty Of Breach Of
Promise

Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34, Czech, dentist, who had spent the better part of the last six weeks between the First Special District Court and the Amoy Road Gaol, was finally made a free man yesterday afternoon when he was acquitted of the private criminal prosecution involving a breach of promise suit brought against him by Miss Clara Barrett.

On Tuesday last after a trial and a re-trial lasting since February 22, Dr. Heger was acquitted by the criminal court of the charge of having stolen \$7,396 worth of gold bars and notes from the apartment of Mr. F. Heister, German, residing in the Embankment building. A few weeks prior

to that a private criminal prosecution charging Dr. Heger with having taken by deceit two diamond rings from Mrs. Heister, was dismissed.

It will be remembered that Dr. Heger left Shanghai for Dairen and then Harbin on January 10, last. He was then accompanied by Mrs. Heister and her little daughter. Mr. Heister, however, with the assistance of the Shanghai Municipal Police, telegraphed to Tsingtao, had his wife and child stopped and returned to him. Dr. Heger proceeded to Harbin, then made his way to Japan, where he was arrested and deported here as an "undesirable alien."

Dr. Heger was represented by Mr. Paul Premet, M. D. Shikis and Ngay Tchong-ling in all the three cases.

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Dr. V. Heger Is Acquitted On Theft Charge

Czech Dentist Is Found Not Guilty After Re-trial;
Released On Security During Appeal; Judgment
In Breach Of Promise Suit Due On Friday

Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34-year-old Czech dentist, whose deportation from Japan as an "undesirable alien" and subsequent arrest and trial on a charge of having stolen \$7,390 worth of gold bars and currency from the apartment of Mr. F. Heister, German, residing in the Embankment building, had been followed with interest, was acquitted by Judge Shiang in the First Special District Court after a trial which commenced on February 22, last, and a re-trial which was concluded last Wednesday.

Although acquitted on the charge of theft, Dr. Heger was ordered to provide the original security of \$500, during the period of appeal. The bail was lowered to \$500 bond at the last hearing held on April 2, upon strong representations of Mr. Paul Premet, who defended the Czech dentist, together with Mr. M. D. Shikis and Mr. Ngai Tchen-ling.

Arrested in Tokyo

Since the receipt here of the Rengo dispatch from Tokyo dated February 13, which stated that Dr. Heger was being held there as an alleged head of a "white slave" organization operating in Japan and China ports, Dr. Heger has proved a source of interest for the local community. Then, a few days later, it was revealed by the Shanghai Municipal Police that the dentist was wanted here on a charge of allegedly having robbed Mr. Heister of \$7,390 in gold bars and currency.

Dr. Heger was accordingly deported from Japan and upon arrival here, on February 21, he was handed over to officers of the

Hongkew Police Station and the following day was arraigned before the First Special District Court on a charge of larceny.

During the course of the trial and the re-trial, which lasted many hearings, the following story was unfolded: It was disclosed that Dr. Heger arrived in Shanghai about August, 1933, and with the help of another dentist he opened an office. Mr. Heister, the complainant in the case, and Mrs. Heister as well as their little daughter, were his patients.

Ran Away With Mrs. Heister

Later, apparently, Dr. Heger and Mrs. Heister were on very friendly terms and on January 10, they ran away together, accompanied by Mrs. Heister's daughter, to Tsingtao. Mr. Heister did not discover that his wife was missing until that afternoon and then heard that she had departed with Dr. Heger and his little daughter. It was only then that he suspected that his gold bars, which he kept in a cabinet in his apartment, might have been stolen. He looked and found them missing.

He immediately reported the matter to the Shanghai Municipal Police, who wired to Tsingtao, and Mrs. Heister and her little daughter were taken off the boat and returned to Shanghai. Dr. Heger, however, it is understood proceeded to Harbin and from there went to Japan, where he was arrested and deported as an "undesirable alien."

During the trial Mr. Heister alleged that no one except Dr. Heger could have stolen his money. He stated that his wife could not have taken it, as if

she did, she would have left something for him. Little incriminating evidence except Mr. Heister's allegations, was produced at the trial against Dr. Heger, while, on his behalf, Mr. Premet produced a great deal of evidence.

Dr. Heger stated that he had never visited Mr. Heister's apartment in the Embankment Building. His story was backed up by the house-boy employed by Mr. Heister, who stated that he had never seen Dr. Heger in the apartment.

There is still a private criminal prosecution on a breach of promise suit hanging over the Czech dentist. He is being charged under Article 244 of the Chinese Criminal Code by Miss Clara Barret, who alleges that he promised to marry her. Judgment in this case will be handed down in the First Special District Court on Friday afternoon.

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PRIVATE PROSECUTION AGAINST DR. HEGER

Dentist Denies Making
Marriage Proposal
To Miss Barret

The hearing of the private criminal prosecution of a breach of promise suit brought by Miss Barret against Dr. Valdimir Heger, 34, Czech dentist, who is also being tried for allegedly having stolen \$7,390 worth of gold and currency from the apartment of Mr. F. Heister, German, residing in the Embankment building, was concluded in the First Special District Court yesterday afternoon. Judgment will be handed down next Friday afternoon, April 12.

Dr. Heger is being charged by Miss Barret under Article 244 of the Chinese Criminal Code. Miss Barret alleges that Dr. Heger promised to marry her.

In court yesterday both Dr. Heger and Miss Barret were questioned by the Judge again. Dr. Heger admitted that he had been on intimate relations with Miss Barret, but definitely denied making any proposition or promise to marry the plaintiff. At the conclusion of the hearing an address on behalf of Dr. Heger was made by Mr. Paul Premet, who is representing the dentist together with Mr. M. Skikis and Mr. Ngai. Messrs. Van and Seng are appearing on behalf of Miss Barret.

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TRIAL OF DR. HEGER IS CONCLUDED

Dentist Said Wrote To
Mrs. Heister Asking
To Raise Bail

The re-trial of Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34, Czech dentist, on charges of having stolen \$7,390 worth of gold and currency from the apartment of Mr. F. Heister, German, in the Embankment Building, was concluded before Judge Shiang in the First Special District Court yesterday morning. The hearing was adjourned for judgment until next Tuesday morning, April 9.

The hearing yesterday was occupied with the final addresses of the prosecution and defence. During the hearing the prosecution produced a letter written by Dr. Heger to Mrs. Heister, in which he asked her to obtain \$500 for him as bail. The bail was lowered from \$7,390 to \$500 at the last hearing. This letter, the prosecution stated, Mr. Heister took from the lift boy at the Embankment building.

Mr. Paul Premet appearing on behalf of Dr. Heger, objected to this letter going in evidence as it had no bearing at all on the theft charge on which Dr. Heger is being tried. The objection was sustained. Upon the request of Mr. Premet the bail during the demand was changed from \$500 cash to \$500 security.

Mr. M. D. Shikis and Mr. Ngai Tchen-ling are appearing on behalf of Dr. Heger together with Mr. Premet.

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Dr. V. Heger Alleges Charge Against Him Framed

Czech Dentist Alleges Mr. Heister Wanted To Get
Wife Back And Therefore Instigated Charge
To Stop Her; \$500 Bail Is Fixed

The re-trial of Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34, Czechoslovakian dentist, charged with stealing \$7,390 worth of gold and currency from the apartment of Mr. F. Heister, German, residing in the Embankment building, was opened before Judge Shiang in the First Special District Court yesterday morning. After a fairly lengthy hearing, at the close of which Dr. Heger stated that Mr. Heister had instigated the charge against him in order to get his wife back and that now he had to go through with it, Judge Shiang adjourned the session until next Tuesday, April 2.

Following a heated application made on behalf of Dr. Heger by his attorney, Mr. Paul Premet, the Czech dentist was allowed to be released on \$500 bail, instead of the original sum of \$7,390 fixed by the judge at the opening of the case.

In accordance with the instructions of the court made at the previous hearing the Police, under the direction of Dr. Heger, located the chauffeur of the Lee Lee Garage, who drove the accused to the Embankment building on North Soochow Road on the morning of January 9, when Mrs. Heister left with the dentist and her 10-year-old daughter, Louisa. The chauffeur stated that he had driven up to entrance "C," while Dr. Heger and Mrs. Heister maintained that it was entrance "D." The chauffeur then stated that he only took one trunk, while the accused had previously stated that it was three trunks.

Boy Testifies

The next witness was the boy employed by Mr. Heister in his apartment. He stated that he was in the flat on the morning of January 9, but did not see the accused come in. He denied ever seeing Dr. Heger before. In closing his evidence the boy stated that he only heard of the theft of the gold bars about three weeks after January 9.

Louisa, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heister was then placed in the witness stand and in a clear voice said that she knew Dr. Heger, as he had pulled her teeth. On January 9, she said she sailed together with him and her mother to Tsingtao,

but she did so, she added, because her mama asked her to go along. She denied having ever seen Dr. Heger in their apartment.

Wife Not Suspected

Mr. Heister, the complainant, was then told to take the witness stand and was asked by the Judge how he discovered the theft. He stated that on the morning of January 10, he discovered that his wife was missing. He did not suspect her of the theft; in fact, he did not know of the theft then. However, later he found out that she had run away with the accused to Tsingtao, and then upon checking he found that his gold was gone, and it was then, he related, that he suspected Dr. Heger.

Mr. Heister added that his wife had gone to see Dr. F. Wilhelm on January 4, and asked his advice whether she could take her husband's money. Dr. Wilhelm had told her that it was illegal.

"Why don't you suspect your wife?" questioned Judge Shiang.

"Because my wife would not have taken all my money; she would have left something for me," answered Mr. Heister.

"You don't suspect that your wife shared the money with Dr. Heger?"

"No. Dr. Heger took it all."

Judge Shiang then questioned Mrs. Heister, "You said that you came down with four trunks? The chauffeur says that there was only one?"

"I cannot help that," answered the woman, "I remember perfectly well how much baggage I had, as I put it myself into the car."

At this stage the hearing was adjourned until Tuesday morning and Dr. Heger was granted bail at \$500.

Mr. M. Shikis and Mr. Ngai Tchou-ling are associated with Mr. Premet in defending Dr. Heger.

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Judge Orders Dr. Heger's Trial Be Re-opened

Jurist Doesn't Pronounce Judgment As Expected, Wants Two Points Cleared; Police Clear One; Hearing Adjourned To March 27

Instead of pronouncing judgment upon Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34, Czechoslovakian dentist, charged with stealing \$7,330 worth of gold and currency from the apartment of Mr. F. Heister, German, residing in the Embankment building, as he was expected to do, Judge Shiang presiding over the case in the First Special District Court yesterday morning ordered the case to be re-opened. The re-trial being set for next Wednesday.

After eight lengthy hearings the court still seemed in doubt on two points. Judge Shiang wanted to know whether the key Dr. Heger was seen making about a fortnight prior to the discovery of the theft, was actually a key to his letter box as he alleged. The prosecution answered this question, pointing out that the police had investigated on this point and found that Dr. Heger was telling the truth.

The second point on which the court was not clear was whether on January 9, last (the day on which Dr. Heger left Shanghai for Dairen accompanied by Mrs. Heister and her little daughter), he entered the Heister flat in the Embankment apartments, when Mrs. Heister was taking her trunks out, or as he had already told the court he had only awaited her in the hall on the ground floor.

On this point Judge Shiang then commenced questioning Dr. Heger at length.

Q.—Where did you get the taxi in which you went to pick up Mrs. Heister? What was the name of the garage.

A.—From a garage on North Honan Road, just opposite the Embankment Building.

Q.—Did you sign a chit there?

A.—I didn't sign anything. I paid cash.

Q.—Could you find the garage and recognize the chauffeur?

A.—Undoubtedly I can find the garage, but I am not sure that I could recognize the chauffeur.

Q.—Up to what entrance did you drive in the taxi and did you go upstairs?

In reply Dr. Heger showed the entrance on the plan of the building and said, that he didn't go upstairs, because Mrs. Heister's luggage had already been brought down in the elevator. From the hall the trunks were put into the car by the chauffeur, Dr. Heger concluded.

Judge Shiang continued the questioning on the same issue for considerable time and then adjourned the hearing until next Wednesday morning, March 27. The prosecution at the conclusion of the case asked the police to bring Mr. Heister's cook to testify at the next hearing.

Apart from the criminal action

of theft on which Dr. Heger is being tried, there have been two civil actions filed against him by Mr. Heister.

Mr. Paul Premet is appearing on behalf of Dr. Heger together with Mr. M. Shikis and Mr. Ngai Tehon-ling.

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THE CHINA PRESS, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1935

Heger Hearings Ended Before District Court

Czech Dentist To Learn Fate Friday; Charge Of Theft Left To Judge

After eight spectacular sessions the trial of Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34, Czechoslovakian dentist, was brought to a close yesterday morning in the First Special District when he was remanded until next Friday for judgment. He is accused of stealing \$7,390 from the apartment of Mr. F. Heister in the Embankment Building.

Dr. Heger and Mrs. Heister, the wife of the complaining witness, were arrested while en route to Germany with the Heister's five-year old daughter. He was returned to Shanghai from Japan to stand trial. Mrs. Heister, it was generally hinted, would prove to be the most damaging witness for the prosecution.

The case had all of the elements of a modern four-star flicker with Mrs. Heister enshrouded in mystery.

Suit Dropped

However, as the case against Heger progressed it became increasingly evident that Mrs. Heister would not offer any evidence which would damage the case of the man with whom she started her flight to Germany.

Although she signed a private criminal prosecution suit against Heger for the return of two diamond rings, she would not proceed with the criminal aspect of the case and announced herself as interested in the return of the rings only. This suit was subsequently dropped.

Witnesses have been produced throughout the trial tending to show that Dr. Heger was not particularly interested in paying his bills promptly. Further, that he commercialized his love affairs to some extent.

Heister, the irate husband, has throughout the trial bent every effort to assist the prosecution. He lost over \$7,000 and saw his wife flee with the man he believes stole his money. On the witness stand he testified that Dr. Heger had treated him roughly when he (Heister) was a dental patient of Heger's. His head was pulled back so hard, he testified, that he became semi-conscious. It was then, he believes, that Heger took the key to his lock-box and drained its contents preparatory to his intended flight to Germany.

Appears Nonchalant

A surprise witness was offered during the trial in the person of Miss Clara Barat who testified that Dr. Heger had made love to her and had subsequently borrowed her money. She testified that so far she has not been re-paid. He also has a watch belonging to her, she says. Miss Barat is contemplating private proceedings against Dr. Heger for the return of her money and timepiece.

Dr. Heger appeared in court yesterday well dressed and wearing

a new suit of clothes. He does not show any signs of anguish from his days in jail.

Dr. Heger and Mrs. Heister continued to pass furtive yet understanding glances at each other yesterday, he from the prisoner's dock and she from her seat alongside her husband who continues to be less appreciative of Heger's plight than his spouse. Miss Barat was not in court yesterday.

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Dentist Tells About Heger's Local Practice

Heister Brings In Girl To Show Defendant Took Her Money, Didn't Repay

The trial of Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34-year-old Czechoslovakian dentist charged with theft, was continued before Judge Shing in the First Special District Court yesterday and after nearly two hours of hearing evidence the accused was remanded to jail sine die.

The first witness called by the prosecution was Dr. W. Korec, who testified that he had given Dr. Heger a room in the former's office in which to practice dentistry and that he had loaned him money on various occasions. He also had guaranteed a substantial amount with a supply firm for Heger's instruments and equipment. The total amount Dr. Heger owed him, he testified, is about Tls. 3,000. It is still outstanding, he claims. Dr. Heger testified that the major part of the loan and guarantee which Dr. Korec had posted had been relieved by two promissory notes which he had given the witness. Dr. Korec testified that Heger had made a "good living" while he practiced but that shortly before his attempted flight to Germany with Mrs. F. Heister and her baby daughter he had become lax in keeping office hours and consequently his earnings had fallen off sharply.

Not Nearly Enough

Dr. Heger and Mrs. Heister had previously testified that he had approximately \$1,700 when the trip was undertaken. When asked by the judge yesterday why he had not paid his debts with the amount instead of attempting flight he

said, "Oh! There was not nearly enough to pay my debts."

Mr. F. Heister, the complaining witness in the action, followed Dr. Korec to the witness stand and testified shortly that he wished to present a new witness for the prosecution. The next angle proved to be Mrs. Clara Band, who has known Dr. Heger, according to her testimony, not too long but acquainted for well.

She said the accused had borrowed \$150 from her which had not been repaid. He also had proposed marriage to her and promised to take her to Elysian bliss in Alexandria where he had a growing business. His proposal, she said, was turned down. Because of her loan to Dr. Heger she had been penniless and although she had asked him to return the money on several occasions, she still was a creditor of Dr. Heger's in the original amount of \$150.

Mrs. Heister was the last witness called for the prosecution. She merely reiterated her previous evidence regarding the date and time she had first acquainted Dr. Heger with the fact that her husband had a quantity of gold in their apartment.

Throughout the session yesterday Dr. Heger maintained a distinct aloofness and only when reference was made to the alleged theft did his calm disappear.

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Wife Tells About Flight To Tsingtao

Czech Dentist, German
Face Each Other During
Theft Trial As Story
Of Romance Is Unfolded

Heger Denies Gold Theft;
Released On \$7,390 Bail

Mrs. Heister, blond German wife of Mr. F. Heister, complaining witness against Dr. Vladimir Heger, 37, Czechoslovakian dentist, who is accused of stealing \$7,390 from Heister, was the first witness called when the case against Dr. Heger was continued yesterday in Judge Shiang's court in the settlement Chinese tribunal. After nearly two hours of testimony Dr. Heger was released upon posting \$7,390 bail, the amount which he is accused of appropriating from Heister.

Mrs. Heister's testimony, which it was generally believed would clinch the prosecution case against Dr. Heger, failed in this respect. Although she was closely questioned regarding her knowledge of Dr. Heger's movements prior to the time he is accused of stealing the Heister valuables, she was unable to give any material aid to the prosecution.

Hostility Evident

There was a marked air of mutual glee between the three actors in the triangular drama as Mrs. Heister took the witness stand. Dr. Heger, not six feet away, seemed to be fighting an urge to publicly denounce his former friend while her husband sallied back and forth between his courtroom seat and the witness stand lending moral and legal support to the witness, at the same time giving savage side glances at the prisoner.

Mrs. Heister testified that she had known Dr. Heger for about one year; that she had seen him often and that they had decided to go to Germany together. They were taking her baby daughter with them. Dr. Heger was to pay for the trip. Although she was questioned at length whether or not Dr. Heger had access to her husband's gold depository, a fact which if proved would have unquestionably convicted the accused dentist, she steadfastly refused to make a concrete statement which would implicate Dr. Heger. The importance of her testimony failed to materialize and after a series of routine questions regarding her proposed trip to Germany with Dr. Heger and her arrest at Tsingtao and subsequent removal here, she was excused.

Roughed In Chair

Her husband followed her to the witness stand and testified that Dr. Heger had "treated him badly" when he was a patient of the accused. At one time, he said, while in the process of molding a dental form, Dr. Heger had thrown back his head with such force that he had swooned and "believed" he was in a semi-conscious condition. It was at this time, he testified, that Dr. Heger, he believed, had taken the key to his strong box and later removed its contents preparatory to his flight to Germany with the woman and child.

Later, Heister showed the degree of pitch to which the case had urged him, when in a verbal tilt with Heger's attorney he heatedly denied that "the entire case is a family quarrel and has no place in a court of law."

It was plainly evident throughout the proceedings yesterday that the prosecution hung upon proof that Dr. Heger had been in possession of the key to Heister's strong box

and that he modeled a duplicate with which he made the illegal entry. However, every attempt to get a concrete statement from the witnesses that would prove this point failed. A Chinese servant of an intimate of Heister also failed to seal Heger's doom when it developed that all he could testify to was the fact that he had seen the accused with a "key."

Police investigation had previously proved that Dr. Heger was remaking a key to his post office box when seen by the boy. The case was called for continuance on March 5.

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Heger Denies Theft Charge Before Court

Czech Dentist Admits Taking German's Wife, Child To Tsingtao Last Month; Case Adjourned

"I'm Not A Thief, I'm A Dentist," He Laughs

Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34-year-old Czechoslovakian who was deported from Japan as an "undesirable alien," upon being charged with stealing about \$7,390 worth of gold and coins from Mr. F. Heister, a German residing in the Embankment Building, in the First Special District Court yesterday, denied any knowledge of the theft but admitted that he left Shanghai on January 10 accompanied by Mrs. Heister and her daughter.

During the course of the trial of Dr. Heger, who is a graduate of the Prague dental college, he was suspected of being the head of a "white slave" organization operating in the Far East.

Trial Adjourned

After a hearing in which the prosecution outlined the case and evidence was given by Mr. Heister, who is connected with Andersen, Meyer and Company, Limited, as well as the questioning of Dr. Heger by Judge Shiang, the trial was adjourned for a special session on the afternoon of March 1. A request was made by Mr. Ngai Tsingling, of the law firm of Paul, Fremet, appearing in behalf of Dr. Heger, that Mrs. Heister be called to testify in court as well as Dr. Korec, with whom Dr. Heger worked for a while after his arrival in Shanghai in April, 1933.

In outlining the case for the prosecution Mr. Tsiang said that on January 10, the Municipal Police were informed by Mr. Heister that about \$8,000 worth of gold bars and other coins had been stolen from his desk in his apartment of #12 Embankment Building. At the time he suspected his wife, who with her daughter and Dr. Heger, it was discovered, sailed for Tsingtao that morning. The Tsingtao authorities were communicated with. Mrs. Heister was detained and sent back to Shanghai. No action was taken by Mr. Heister at the time and later he began suspecting Dr. Heger, who by that time was already in Harbin.

Fled To Japan

In Harbin, continued Mr. Tsiang, Dr. Heger came under the suspicion of the police as being a "white slaver" and immediately ran away to Japan, where he was arrested on January 13 and deported as an "undesirable alien."

Questioned by the judge, Dr. Heger admitted that on the morning of January 10 he left Shanghai with Mrs. Heister and her daughter. He stated that he had known both Mr. and Mrs. Heister since last year and that he met them when they came to him to have their teeth attended to. In reply to a question whether he admitted having stolen the gold from Mr. Heister, Dr. Heger replied with a laugh, "No, I didn't steal it; I am not a thief, I am a dentist."

In the course of his evidence, Dr. Heger stated that he had never visited Mr. Heister's apartment and that he only knew that the latter stayed in the Embankment Building, but did not know the apartment number.

Had A Key Made

Mr. Heister told the court that he suspected Dr. Heger had stolen the gold from him as he was told by Dr. Korec and a boy employed by Dr. Heger that Dr. Heger had been seen making a key similar to one which would fit the lock in his cabinet. Mr. Heister had to admit in reply

to questions put by the defense that Dr. Heger had never visited his apartment as far as he knew.

In the end Mr. Heister, nervously told the court that his wife had not wanted to leave town, but that Dr. Heger had persuaded and hypnotized her to leave with him. According to Mr. Heister, Dr. Heger had intended to go to Germany via Siberia.

In closing the hearing until March 1, Judge Shiang ordered that Mrs. Heister be brought to court to testify at the next hearing. Mrs. Heister is staying with her husband.

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Heger To Face Charges Of Larceny Today

Dentist Deported From Japan As 'Undesirable' Held By Hongkew Police

"White Slave" Charges Originated In Harbin

Dr. Vladimir Heger, 34-year-old Czechoslovakian, who was arrested in Tokyo on February 13 suspected of being the head of a "white slave" organization operating in the Far East, was brought to Shanghai aboard the Shanghai Maru yesterday afternoon and will be charged with larceny in the First Special District Court this morning.

The Shanghai Maru was met by International Settlement and Japanese Consular Police when she docked yesterday afternoon. In accordance with regular procedure Dr. Heger who was deported from Japan as an "undesirable alien," wanted somewhere else, was taken off the ship by the Japanese Consular Police and handed over to the Shanghai Municipal Police detectives, who immediately took him to the Hongkew Police Station, as the alleged larceny with which he will be charged is said to have taken place in the Embankment Building on North Soochow Road.

Allegedly Stole Gold Bars

The Shanghai Municipal Police have no information to the effect that Dr. Heger, who is a graduate of a Prague dental college, had participated or had any connection with the "white slave" traffic. The only charge with which the local police are at present concerned is larceny and it is believed that the white slavery allegations against the man originated in Harbin. No official confirmation to the effect has been received in Shanghai to date.

A warrant was sworn out in Shanghai for the arrest of Dr. Heger by Mr. F. Helster, employed by Andersen, Meyer and Company, Limited. Mr. Helster, it is understood, alleges that Dr. Heger stole \$22,000 worth of gold bars and currency from his apartment in the Embankment Building in the early part of January.

It is also understood that on or about January 13 after having allegedly stolen the gold bars, Dr. Heger, accompanied by Mr. Helster, departed for Japan. It is believed that Dr. Heger is now in Tokyo, where he is being held by the Japanese police.

Not Depressed

Dr. Heger seemed to be very confident when he arrived in Shanghai yesterday and was met by the police. He was dressed in a new camel hair coat and a brown velvet hat. He was clean shaven and had a cheery outlook on life. Upon being taken to the Hongkew Police Station by Detective-Sergeant F. O. Guess, who is handling the case, Dr. Heger had his two travelling bags searched and was detained at the station until such time as he will be taken to court this morning.

It is understood that evidence will be given this morning by both Mr. and Mrs. Helster.

Dr. Heger apparently has led an interesting life since he first arrived here in August, 1933, without money and with a diploma from the Czechoslovak school. Upon his arrival, he met an Austrian doctor on Peking Road who was charmed by the Czech's apparent sincerity and zeal for work. In addition, Dr. Heger

was recommended to the doctor by the Czechoslovak consul. It was said the Peking Road doctor went to the aid of the struggling young dentist, purchased equipment for him and set up a dentist's office for him in his own suite of offices.

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File No. B. REGIST.

S. 2, Special Branch *D Station*
REPORT

Date *February 21, 1935*

Subject (in full) Arrival in Shanghai of V. Hager, Czechoslovakian, on
February 21, 1935.

Made by *D. S. Umemoto.*

Forwarded by *O'Brien*

V. Hager, Czechoslovakian, who was deported from Japan on the ground of having committed a certain criminal offence in Shanghai arrived here by the s.s. "Shanghai Maru" which berthed at the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf at 2.30 p.m. February 21. Upon disembarking he was handed over to a party of detectives from Hongkew Station by the local Japanese Consular Police.

J.D.C. Kanashita of the Special Branch was also present at the wharf.

D. S. Umemoto
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Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch.

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HEGER IS DEPORTED FROM JAPAN

On Way Here Aboard An
N.Y.K. Boat; Alleged
White Slavery

KOBE, Feb. 19. — A foreigner giving his name as Vladimir Heger was to-day deported from Japan as an "undesirable alien."

He sailed aboard the s.s. Shanghai Maru bound for Shanghai where, according to the Tokyo police officials, the Municipal Police holds warrants for his detention.

A Tokyo police detective is accompanying the man to Nagasaki, the last Japanese port touched by the ship.

The man, who said that he was of Czech nationality and had dental offices in Shanghai, was detained by the Tokyo Police on February 8 on a charge of white slave trafficking.

The arrest was made on receipt of information from the Harbin police authorities that a Shanghai dentist had evaded detention by them and sailed for Japan.

As none of the man's alleged crimes was committed in Japan, the Tokyo Police Board decided to deport him.

According to reports received by the police from Harbin, the deported man was alleged to be at the head of an international gang, which supplied young girls to "houses" in Harbin, Shanghai and North Korea.—Rengo.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 2, Special Branch
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Date February 20, 1935.

Subject (in full). Proposed arrival in Shanghai of V. Heger on February 21.

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A telegram has been received by the local Japanese Consular Police from the Tokyo Police to the effect that V. Heger was deported from Japan by the s.s. "Shanghai Maru".

The vessel is scheduled to arrive in Shanghai at about 3 p.m. February 21 and will berth at the N.Y.K. Wayside Wharf.

D. S. Umemoto

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Deputy Commissioner, Special Branch.

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Dentist Nabbed In Tokyo Due Here Shortly

**Heger, Held In Connection
With White Slave Racket,
Did Business In Shanghai**

Dr. Vladimír Heger, 34, a graduate of a Prague dental college now being held by Tokyo police on charges of participating in a gigantic "white slave" trafficking organization in the Orient, will be sent back to Shanghai in a few days when Tokyo police have completed their investigations. It was learned here yesterday.

Dr. Heger, a dentist, apparently has led an interesting life since he first arrived here in August, 1933, without money and with a diploma from the Czechoslovak school. Upon his arrival, he met an Austrian doctor on Peking Road who was charmed by the Czech's apparent sincerity and zeal for work. In addition, Dr. Heger was recommended to the doctor by the Czechoslovak consul, it was said. The Peking Road doctor went to the aid of the struggling young dentist, purchased equipment for him, and set up a dentist's office for him in his own suite of offices.

Had Strange Friends

"For a while Dr. Heger worked," his ex-friend told a CHINA PRESS reporter yesterday. "But later he brought in the strangest kinds of friends. Most of them were Russians. I was ashamed to have them in my office, but I said nothing."

"Finally, about five months ago, I broke completely with Dr. Heger. As far as I know, he set up another office on Nanking Road but didn't do much business. He lived in several places about the city. On about January 12 he left for Harbin and I haven't heard of him since until I read that he was held in Tokyo on a charge of 'white-slave' trafficking."

"Personally, I don't think Heger is for a minute guilty of that charge."

Arrested In Tokyo

Dr. Heger was arrested February 13 in Tokyo after he left Harbin where it is alleged the police were after him. A report appearing in a Harbin paper came to the attention

of Tokyo police which stated that Dr. Heger was the head of a group of men, German, Austrian, Czech, and Portuguese who were connected with a large "white slave" racket in Shanghai and with business in other cities.

Dr. Heger, according to a friend, was "a good doctor." When he arrived in Tokyo he carried about \$1000 in cash.

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Morning Translation.

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SHANGHAI DENTIST ARRESTED IN TOKYO FOR BEING THE
HEAD OF AN INTERNATIONAL WHITE SLAVE GANG

A kengo telegram from Tokyo dated February 13 states that according to a report published on February 2 in a Russian newspaper in Harbin, a white slave gang was organized in the Far East during the past two years with headquarters in Shanghai. Recently a branch was established in Harbin. The gang succeeded in abducting several women who were sold to certain persons in South China. The gang is endeavouring to abduct more women in order to send them to Ranan(Korea), Java, Shanghai and Chefoo. About ten men of various nationality such as Austrians, Germans, Czechoslovakians, Swedes and Portuguese are engaged in the activities and they abduct women under the pretext of marriage. A dental surgeon named Heger, the head of the gang, was staying at the Modern Hotel, Harbin, but on February 2 he left owing to the fact that the Police in Harbin were searching for him. The centre figure in the activities is an Austrian named Jibew(?). Several white Russian women are reported to have been victimized.

Acting on the newspaper report, the Foreign Section of the Tokyo Police which was making inquiries regarding the affair arrested a Czechoslovakian named Muragimil Heger, age 34, who registered at the Banhei Hotel, Tokyo, on February 5. The prisoner admitted to the police that he left Shanghai for Harbin on February 1 because the Shanghai Police were shadowing him, and that he left Harbin for Japan with Yen 1,500 because the Harbin Police wanted to arrest him. The prisoner further stated that he has a dental office at No. 83 Nanking Road, Shanghai and was formerly a Major in the Czechoslovakian Army.

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Please endeavor to obtain further particulars of the information by the Japanese authorities and report.

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ALLEGED TRAFFIC IN WHITE SLAVES

Arrest In Tokyo Of a Man Claiming To Be Dentist

TOKYO, Feb. 10.—A foreigner who said that he was a Shanghai dentist, was detained by the police to-day at Mampei Hotel, on a charge of "white slave" trafficking.

Following the arrest, the police declared that the detained man was the head of an international "white slave" gang, operating in Manchuria, Japan and China.

The man, according to the police, said that he had served in the army as a sub-lieutenant of infantry.

The police said that their suspicions were first aroused by a report in a Harbin Russian daily on February 2 of the activities of a "white slave" gang, having its headquarters in Shanghai and branches in Harbin and other towns in the Orient. The report said that the gang employed more than 12 young men of German, Austrian, Czech, Swiss and Portuguese nationalities to marry young Russian girls and later sell them to Shanghai, Java, Chefoo and Ranan (Korea) "houses."

The newspaper report added that the leader of the gang, a dentist, left the Hotel Moderne in Harbin very hurriedly when the police tried to question him.

Learning of the arrival of a dentist from Harbin, the Tokyo Metropolitan Police questioned him and reportedly found that he was the person mentioned by the Harbin newspaper.

The police say that the man confessed that he arrived in Harbin from Shanghai, but that the action of the Harbin police drove him to Tokyo, where he arrived with Y.1,500 in cash.—Rengo.

